Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—And the acceptance?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—And the acceptance by the Government is also a formal acceptance.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Why is the agreement not entered into?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The Government did not consider over it

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the offer embodied in writing?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government suspend the selling to private parties after this offer, for some time?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Supply of water to steamers—profits from.

341. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what quantities of water was supplied to the steamers during each of the last three official years;

(b) the expenses incurred in the above supply;

(c) the amount realised by the supply;

(d) the profits or losses arrived at over the above supplies during each of the years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 1105—No supply.

1106—3,088 tons.

1107—12,502 tons.

(b) The expenses cannot be accurately computed as the expenditure includes the charges for supply to Mattancheri also.

(c) 1105—Nil.

1106—Rs. 3,859-6-10.

1107— ,, 15,627-9-0.

(d) In view of the answer to (b) the profits or loss cannot be gauged. The Government supplies water to steamers not with the idea of making any profit but for the development of the Harbour and to increase the importance of the Port.

Water supply in Mattancheri—inadequacy of.

342. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what quantity of water was supplied to the Mattancheri Municipal area during the summer months and during the rest of the period separately during the last official year;

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(b) what quantity in gallons per day per member does it work out;

(c) are the Government satisfied with the above ratio;

(d) are the public satisfied with the present supply or were there any representations from them; and if so, what steps have so far been taken to remedy the grievances?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Dry months:—80,000 gallons per day.

Rest of the period:—66,000 gallons per day.

(b) About 2 gallons per head per day.

(c) This is sufficient for cooking and drinking purposes.

(d) The Municipality has pointed out that the present supply is inadequate but under existing conditions it is not possible to increase the supply. The question of increasing the supply is engaging the attention of the Government.

Supply of water to steamers—basis for.

343. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if there is any schedule with regard to the quantity of water to be supplied to steamers with special reference to their tonnage or crew;

(b) if not, what is the procedure adopted in the supply?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Water is supplied according to requirements from the steamers.

Street hydrants in Mattancheri—insufficiency of.

344. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Are the Government aware that within the Mattancheri Municipal limits there are roads without water-pipes; and if so, why have they been left out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Water pipes have been laid by Government on all main roads. The rest of the roads have to be provided with water mains at the Municipality's cost. (The Municipality has not taken it up for want of funds.)

Chowghat—Pattambi road and Kaniyampal road—Kunnamkulam.

345. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reason for increasing the 'half a cent of land from the compound of Thanda' as mentioned in Diwan's Order No.

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